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Date: 13 Jan 1945

From: 12 0001

To : 12 2400

HQ CC "B", 14TH AD

HOHWILLER, FRANCE

0100, 13 Jan 1945

No. 18

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Generally along SELZBACH River.
- b. Defensive organization- Enemy taking advantage of some MAGINOT defenses and well dug-in along high ground N of RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1533). Enemy believed digging in along line vic (R-185326) to (R-195325).
- c. Units in contact - Elements of 125 PGR and 192 PGR of the 21 PZ Div; 35 PGR of the 25 PG Div.
- d. Artillery - Heavy Arty Cal up to 150 vic STUNDWILLER (R-1936) and BUHL (R-2035) 88 gun position located at (R-171348) which was knocked out by tank fire at 1600A. 88mm gun (R-157337). 15% medium Arty Rds Rptd to be duds.
- e. Reserves - Elements of 21 PZ Div located in WISSEMBOURG area.
- f. Supply - Many enemy trucks using HATTEN (R-1834) -KASSELDORF (R-2431) road after dusk possible MSR in this area.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Active defensive action using intense Arty, SP, AT, mortars, AW and intense SA. Arty was counted as high as 60 rds in 2½ minutes vic LITTERSWILLER (R-1636) RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1634) area. Well dug-in and concealed enemy Inf ambushed advancing elements of 62AIB from high ground NE of RITTERSHOFFEN. Enemy used direct Arty and AT fire on our forward troops. Heavy SA and Arty received by our Rcn Vic (R-171355) at 1300A. Vehicular activity in the STUNDWILLER - BUHL area.
- b. Operation of Component elements - 45 Div: Enemy activity considerably reduced using harassing Arty fire throughout. 79 Div: Enemy resistance lighter but continues to be stubborn to our attacks in the RITTERSHOFFEN area. Armor Rptd in INGOLSHEIM (R-1542). Bridgehead area quiet with enemy continuing to improve positions SW of HERROLSHEIM (R-1315).
 1. Antiaircraft - AOP Rpts enemy 20mm gun vic (R-159341).
 2. Tanks - tanks, number unknown, identified as MK IV at (R-165344) and (R-164343). Rcn Rpts tanks (R-175330), type unknown - after firing three rds into vic (R-181318) tks withdrew to the East.
 3. Antitank - antitank fire received vic (R-181318) by our Rcn. Est location of guns (R-1733).

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Estimated enemy casualties - unknown.
- b. Terrain held by enemy - generally rolling with small streams, wooded area to S
- c. Observation - from the nature of direct fire, enemy's observation was excellent
- d. Weather - 13 Jan - Continued cold with possible snow showers in afternoon.
Wind NE 7 to 9 miles per hr. Visibility 5 to 7 miles decreasing to 1 to 3 miles in snow. Minimum temperature 15 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

1. Strongly defend present line.
2. Counterattack from present position at anytime.

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HQ CC "B", 14TH A.D.
EONWILLER, FRANCE
0300, 15 Jan 1945.

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Maps: EASTERN FRANCE: 1:50,000.

1. ENEY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - generally along RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1634) - LEITERS-
WILLER (R-1536) road.
- b. Defensive organization - dug-in mortars (R-171348), Est Bn of Inf well
dug-in between two bridges on SELTZBACH River S of STUNDWILLER
(R-1936) and SW of BUHL (R-2035).
- c. Units in contact - Elements of 21st PZ and 25 Pz Gr Divs.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy used mortar and artillery intermittently
throughout period.
- b. Operations of component elements.
 - (1). Armor - Enemy half-tracks vic (R-170345) at 1300A.
 - (2). Aviation - 2 Jet propelled aircraft dropped 2 bombs in 62 AIB
area.
 - (3). Infantry - Enemy Inf was observed (R-171348) (R-155344) 1000A,
(R-156340) 1030A, (R-172345) 1200A, Enemy Inf around pillbox
(R-185327) at 1400A, (R-186326) 1500A, (R-180343) 1530A, Enemy
Inf and vehicles (R-175341) at 2130A.
 - (4). Antitank - AT gun (R-188324).
 - (5). Tanks - 1 enemy tank (R-158341).

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Casualties - unknown.
- b. Terrain - Same - See S-2 Periodic report No 18, 13 Jan 1945.
- c. Weather - 15 Jan - Clear. Visibility 5 - 7 miles. Wind E, 8 to 10mph.
Minimum temperature 20 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- A. No change - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.

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HOHWILLER, FRANCE
0100, 16 Jan 1945.

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MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front lines - generally along RITTERSHOFFEN (R-1634) - LITERS-WILLER (R-1536) road.
- b. Defensive organization - Occupied pillbox (R-172334), Enemy CP in pillbox (R-187338). Enemy gun position (R-173339). 3 men digging in (R-165347). 88's and mortars between (R-186341) and (R-186344).
- c. Units in contact - Elements of the 21 PZ and 25 PZ GR Divs.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - 3 Rds medium Arty fell in KUHLENDORF at 1600A. Approximately 25 rounds estimated to be 150mm to 170mm Arty fell in HOHWILLER and Vic 2130A to 2230A. Light Arty has decreased greatly. Our troops received harassing fire from long range heavy Arty during period. Enemy Inf and vehicles active (R-173339), (R-175339), (R-176339) and (R-177339). Active enemy MG Vic (R-165348), 2 snipers firing near one of our knocked out Tks Vic (R-158345). Tk and Inf teams continue to appear to be main enemy effort.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Casualties - unknown.
- b. Terrain - Same - See S-2 Periodic Report No 18, 13 Jan 1945.
- c. Weather - 16 Jan - Increasing high and low cloudiness during day. Light rain or snow by evening. Visibility 0 to 1 mile at dawn improving to 2 to 3 miles by 1200A. Wind NW 10mph. Minimum temperature 25° F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.

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HOHWILLER, FRANCE
0100, 17 Jan 1945

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MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:
 - a. Enemy front line - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) road.
 - b. Defensive organization - enemy mortars located (R-163342) and (R-176337). Enemy MG at (R-167346).
 - c. Units in contact - Elements of the 20 Parachute Regt, 7'th Parachute Div.
 - d. Artillery - SP guns at (R-164348) - guns were moving. Towed 88 Vic (R-165343), fired on with good effect. An SP moved out of position (R-173346).
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:
 - a. General Summary - Slight enemy patrolling during hours of darkness. Enemy fired on our outposts with mortar and fired into one of our knocked out tanks with 88.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 - (1). Armor - One MK V Tk fired direct on our light tank patrol from edge of woods, fired on and left burning (R-168348). Tk activity Rptd vic of church in RITTERSHOFFEN.
 - (2). Vehicular movement - Enemy vehicles at (R-162346) and (R-173344).
 - (3). Antitank - AT (R-170348) supported by Inf.
 - (4). Infantry - Enemy Inf at one of our knocked out Tks (R-168340), Enemy Inf (R-167346), (R-175341), (R-176339), (R-178339), Enemy Inf in white capes (R-167347).
 - (5). Aircraft - 4 bombs dropped in KUHLENDORF area by ME 262's. 4 bombs also dropped in HOHWILLER and Vic 1610A.
3. MISCELLANEOUS:
 - a. Casualties: unknown.
 - b. Equipment : one personnel carrier and tank set on fire by our assault guns.
 - c. Terrain - Same, See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.
 - d. Weather - 17 Jan - Cloudy. Possible snow in afternoon. Wind NW 7 to 12 mph. Visibility 1 mile improving to 3 to 4 miles in afternoon. Minimum temperature 25° F.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:
 - a. No change - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.

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HOHWILLER, FRANCE
0500, 18 Jan 1945

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MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) road.
- b. Defensive Organization - Entrenched Inf Vic (R-172349) and (R-17763360). Enemy Tk dug in (R-169349).
- c. Units in contact - Elements of 20 Parachute Regt, 7th Parachute Div, 21 PZ and 25 PZ Grenadier Div's.
- d. Artillery - 4 guns vic (R-170349) fired on by our assault guns. SP gun vic (R-169346).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy offered strong resistance with SA, AW and direct fire from Tks, and SP weapons, intense Arty fire of various calibers up to 170mm.
- b. Operations of component elements -
 - (1). Armor - Enemy Tks vic (R-168346). Enemy SPs and other armored vehicles active on road (R-162342), (R-168343), (R-174343).
 - (2). Artillery - At 0110 20 Rds of 150mm fell in KUHLENDORF. At 1300 6 Rds of 150mm fell in KUHLENDORF.
 - (3). Infantry - Intense SA and AW fire from Inf dug in along line (R-160337) - (R-167346) - (R-169350) - (R-171350). Troops in white capes seen vic (R-169346). Enemy Inf observed (R-167346) and (R-172349).

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Enemy losses -
 - (1). Killed - 10
 - (2). Wounded - unknown.
 - (3). PW - none.
 - (4). Equipment - 1 Tk KO'd at (R-174343).
- b. Terrain - Same - see S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.
- c. Weather - Continued cold and cloudy. Visibility 0 to 1 mile in morning, improving to 2 to 3 miles in afternoon. Wind Northerly 5 to 7mph. Minimum temperature 15° F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.

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HOHWILLER, FRANCE
0500, 19 Jan 1945

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MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) road.
- b. Defensive orgainzation - Enemy tank dug in (R-163344). Pillbox at (R-186347) knocked by our Arty.
- c. Units in contact - Elements of 20 Parachute Regt of 7th Parachute Div, 21 PZ and 25 PZ GR Divs.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continues to resist with SA, AW, mortar and Arty. At 1630A enemy placed smoke between positions of the 62 AIB and RITTERSHOFFEN. Our probing patrols were forced back by Hvy mortar barrage.
- b. Operations of component elements -
 - (1). Antitank - AT positions Rptd at (R-175346) and (R-184341).
 - (2). Armor - 3 enemy tanks observed at (R-175346), enemy tank on ridge (R-185309). Tank Rptd at (R-167347) and (R-179347).
 - (3). Artillery 9 Rds of 150mm fell in KUHLENDORF at 1645A. Several high air bursts observed over KUHLENDORF 1745A.
 - (4). Infantry - Inf Rptd at (R-168347), (R-166351) and (R-174346). Enemy attempting to enter our knocked out tank vic (R-158343) were removed by enemy aid personnel after being hit. MG located at (R-160343) knocked out.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Enemy losses:
 - (1). Killed - unestimated number of enemy killed.
 - (2). Wounded - unestimated number of enemy wounded.
 - (3). PW's - None.
 - (4). Equipment - 1 enemy tank and half track knocked out vic (R-171348). 1 enemy Tk KO'd (R-179344).
- b. Terrain - Same - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.
- c. Weather - Cloudy with rain in early morning. Visibility 1 to 2 miles before 1200A increasing to 5 to 7 miles. Wind NE 12 to 15 mph. Minimum tempterature - 35° F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.

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HOHWILLER, FRANCE
0500, 20 Jan 1945

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MAPS: EASTERN FRANCE, 1:50,000.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Generally along LEITERSWILLER (R-1536) - RITTERS-HOFFEN (R-1533) road.
- b. Defensive organization - Pillbox at (R-188345) hit by our Arty with good effect.
- c. Units in contact - Elements of 20 Parachute Regt 7 Parachute Div, 21 PZ Div, 25 PZ GR Div.
- d. Artillery - Arty position at (R-177347).

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General summary - Enemy continues to resist with SA, AW, mortar and some Arty. Enemy Tk activity throughout period. Blackout lights observed Vic (R-179349) fired on by 62 AIB at 0145A - results unknown. Enemy activity heard in NW part of RITTERSHOFFEN during early part of period.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 - (1). Antitank - Tanks attached to 62 AIB destroyed 40mm AT gun (R-179342).
 - (2). Antiaircraft - Enemy 20mm gun observed (R-172345).
 - (3). Armor - 3 enemy half tracks abandoned at (R-164352) destroyed by our tanks. 7 enemy from this group moved off toward OBENTHOEDERN (R-1736) and were captured by 313 Regt. Enemy tanks active vic (R-179343)(R-171347). 2 or 3 Mk VI tanks observed vic (R-180341). Enemy tks and half-tracks, unknown number, active vic (R-169349).
 - (4). Artillery - 40 Rds 150mm fell in KUHLENDORF (R-1635) between 1315A and 1330A. 8 Rds of 150mm fell on 62 AIB AG positions (R-136357). Direction of Arty from AG positions 0800 mils.
 - (5). Infantry - Infantry active vic (R-168350), MG and Inf at (R-179343), (R-169349), (R-179334), (R-169346), (R-182347). 2 mortars, possibly Btry located at (R-195340) - all engaged by our Arty.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Enemy losses:
 - (1). Killed - unestimated number of enemy killed.
 - (2). Wounded - unestimated number of enemy wounded.
 - (3). PW's - None (Interrogated 7 PW taken by 313 Regt).
 - (4). Equipment - 3 halftracks destroyed (R-164352), 1 SP and 2 Tks (R-171347), 1 unknown type vehicle destroyed (R-168350), 1 40mm AT gun destroyed (R-179342).
- b. Terrain not under our control - Same - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.
- c. Weather - 20 Jan - overcast with snow showers in morning. Visibility - 1 to 2 miles improving to 5 to 6 miles in afternoon. Wind NW 15mph. Minimum temperature 25° F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. No change - See S-2 Periodic Report No. 18, 13 Jan 1945.

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